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SUBJECT: SECDEF'S COMMENTS ON PHASE II MEETING IN BONN

1. IN RESPONSE TO FRG/ UK PHASE II DELEGATIONS' REQUEST THAT SECDEF REPORT TO MINISTERS ON THE BONN MEETING, WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING. THE REPORT IS BASED ON THE AGREED MINUTE FOR THE BONN MEETING. PLEASE PASS COPIES OF THIS TEXT TO STEWART AND THYES AND ASK THEM IF THEY CAN CONCUR IN THE TEXT. REQUEST YOU REPORT THEIR RESPONSES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. I NOTED THAT THE PERMREPS REPORT ON THE PHASE II ACTIVITIES ONLY COVERED THE PERIOD UP TO APRIL 1. SINCE THE STUDY TEAM HAS HAD ONE MEETING SINCE THEN, I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY MY COLLEAGUES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO INFORM YOU OF WHAT TRANS-

PIRED AT THAT MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD IN BONN DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 10-13.

3. AT THIS MEETING THE TEAM APPROVED A GERMAN PAPER ON " COLLATERAL DAMAGE", AND A BRITISH PAPER ON " TIMING AND SCALE OF USE." THEY ALSO EXAMINED A BRITISH PAPER ON " ASPECTS OF DETERRENCE" AND ONE BY THE UNITED STATES ON " WEAPONRY." BOTH OF THESE PAPERS ARE NOW BEING REVISED FOR LATER EXAMINATION BY THE TEAM.

4. THE TEAM ALSO SELECTED NEW SUBJECTS TO EXAMINE. THE GERMAN DELEGATION WILL LOOK AT THE " RELATIONSHIP OF FOLLOW- ON USE TO INITIAL USE" AND " USE IN AN EXTENDED GEOGRAPHICAL AREA"; THE BRITISH WILL EXAMINE " ENEMY RESPONSE"; AND THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WILL PREPARE A PAPER ON THE " FUNCTION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN FOLLOW- ON USE".

5. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK, THE TEAM HAS CONCLUDED THAT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO EXAMINE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AREAS, IN THE BELIEF THAT SUCH EFFORTS COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO BOTH THE PHASE II AND III EFFORTS. IN THIS REGARD, THE TEAM IS NOW CONSIDERING THE VALUE OF AN EXAMINATION OF THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY SUGGESTED IN FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL BROSIOS' S PAPER PO/226, " UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS". ONE OTHER SUBJECT IS BEING CONSIDERED. THIS IS AN EXAMINATION OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO DEFEND AGAINST AN ENEMY AIRBORNE OPERATION. A DECISION BY THE TEAM ON THESE MATTERS IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

6. FINALLY, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING IN BONN, THE UNITED STATES OFFERED TO HOST THE NEXT MEETING IN WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1973. ROGERS

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